

Dear Dan,

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If your undated letter had been a day later it would have been delayed by of all the improbables, a fire inside Rockefeller Plaza. I've been more tired lately, with the blood pressure higher this week, so I did not begin my day by taking in the ~~NYC~~ news at 3 a.m. The fire was at 4:00 and again, today I wasn't hungry so instead of eating my first breakfast, of a few ^{raw} ~~veg~~ vegetables at that time I actually took a nap. Or, no early morning TV here today. Not until after I returned from my early morning supermarket walking (three days a week) and read the papers. The big news was that the Orioles were, obviously, robbed of the first game with the Yankees for the American League team to play the National for the championship.

I'm using old envelopes of which I recently found a box. We have not moved since then but the address is one of the old ones. I wish you can read what was blacked out.

From your account of what you've done and plan to do you owe NBC not the other way around! They are treating you fine.

I bought a decent ~~an~~ all-wave set at the time of the Gulf war and then could not get Israel although I got most of the rest of the world fine. I suppose that was because I did not know when and on what frequencies it broadcast in English. At the time of the recent violence I found that while the set works fine on AM the switch that puts it on FM or nine different shortwave bands refuses to switch. I've been keeping at on 880 because that CBS NY all-news station has a good signal here most night and when I wash and dress often listen to it. But I'd have liked to get Israeli news and commentaries. So, I subscribed to the weekly Jerusalem Post and Jerusalem Report and have little time for either now.

I can't add to what I said about how we are but thanks for asking. Lil will have trouble walking, as I do for different reasons, and is often in pain from it. But considering everything we are both doing as well as we can hope at our age. The local cardiologist was not worried about my high blood pressure four days ago. He did not have me in to check me over. He told me to increase one of the medications. Hopkins did the same thing a month ago when my blood pressure was up and I was there but with a different medication. I'm weaker, more feeble, but I still get some work done every day. I've quite a few unpublished manuscripts that will be a record for history and those that have not been retyped are being retyped now.

I can't remember a single order for any of my books from Israel. Or any letters or calls.

Glad to hear from you and that you have such a good thing. Now I'll change this ribbon! Best to you all,

New ribbon also old & pale! *Hand*

Dear Harold and Lil,

I called last week but you were out and about. So nice to talk with Lil, though. She tells me things are going well. I must tell you, I certainly miss talking with you both on a regular basis. Things are going fine over here as well. Israel is a beautiful country with so much to see. My wife and daughter and I have already driven all over the country. We've been to Nazareth, Bethlehem, The Dead Sea, The Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. We walked the Via Dolorosa and prayed at the Western Wall. Next month we're going to Cairo to see the pyramids at Giza. My daughter rode her first camel last week in the Judean Desert... she had a wonderful time! Life here is obviously quite different from what we're used to in America, but we're making due. To start with, all the electrical appliances are 220 volts instead of 110. We bought converters and transformers to take care of that. However, things here are twice as expensive as they are back home. Nothing we can do about that! Each day here is exactly the same: hot and sunny! I've forgotten what rain looks like. NBC is treating me well despite not telling me the "do's and don'ts" of a foreign country. Luckily the bureau hasn't been that busy. Bibi

and Arafat met a few weeks ago and we were busy for about 4 days. All has finally calmed down, though, now! I have just over 2 years to complete my assignment then it's BACK HOME QUICKLY! I enjoy the traveling and all, but I do miss the United States! Well, I must dash for now... getting ready to make supper. Please drop me a letter and let me know how you are. Use the New York address and it will make it to me via the mail pouch. It's much faster than using my apartment address and the New York pouch only costs a .32¢ stamp! Can't wait to hear from you. I'll be checking the mail!

Your friend always,
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